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June 2012

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Public Safety Officers of the Month

The following personnel have been selected as Public Safety Officers of the Month for June 2012:

Captain Robert Ward
Engineer Tom Kleveno
Engineer Greg Bluma
Firefighter/Paramedic Steve Edwards
Firefighter/Paramedic Brandon Mollicone
Firefighter/Paramedic Ron Rondero
Firefighter Luis Contreras

They were chosen for their part in the Search, Rescue and ALS care of the victims on the Sheridan Incident on April 20, 2012.

They accepted this award at the Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce "Good Morning Riverside" meeting on June 14 at the Mission Inn. They were also honored at the City Council meeting on Tuesday, June 26, 2012, at 6:30 p.m. by the Mayor and Council.





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Email from Retired Captain Dave Peurifoy to RFD Personnel on June 7 To my brothers and sisters of the Riverside Fire Department....

With all of the rumors now aside, I can now say I am retired. Not quite the way I wanted to go but all the same, it's has been a WONDERFUL career with great people and a true sense of accomplishment and pride. This department is made up of great people who demonstrate a sense of pride in helping and protecting our customers. I enjoyed working with everyone, making memories and telling stories of the past to younger firefighters.

For over 25 years safety gear was a passion of mine. Knowing my brothers and sisters were dressed as safe as they could be gave me a feeling at times, much more than a paycheck could ever offer (TS-12C flashover).

I will miss being a firefighter, and my heart will still skip when I hear an engine or see a column of smoke. Thank you ALL for your support during this last year of recovery and the for the last 32 years in the fire service; WCO comm-2, RIV fire-30

As soon as I am able, I hope to be on the road riding, on the water fishing or chasing gophers. If you run into me, say "hi", or stop over for a cup; Keurig heats up quick. And feel free to give me a call at (951) 314-7881.

I love you all. Cap'nDave

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Station 14 Tour

Seniors from the sorority, UCR Epsilon Pi Chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma visited Station 14 as part of a SAR on Cinco de Mayo.



Birthdays



Cookie Judges (by Todd Gooch)

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When the scheduled judges (RPD) of the Tyler Springs Apartments 1st Annual Cookie contest failed to show up, it was E12A (Mendoza, Hoffman, Sierra, & Gooch) to the rescue.

July Birthdays

Bob Abbruzzese	7/18
Chris Anderson	7/22
Rick Cabrera	7/19
Tony Giovannetti	7/22
Al Hernandez	7/4
Robert Leaphart	7/3
Bryan Russell	7/23
Kevin Whitaker	7/1
Eric Wilmer	7/30
Steve Wu	7/1



Relay for Life



On June 2, Kim Sabatello (Riverside Relay for Life at Arlington Sports Complex) and FFPM Jeff Lewis (in Murrieta) both captained teams for this year's Relay for Life fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. Fire Explorer Rafael Llamas joined Jeff in wearing full turnouts throughout the 24 hour event to help earn money and bring recognition to the victims, survivors, and medical champions (doctors, researchers, etc.) of cancer. Jeff Lewis would like to thank all department members for donating and supporting him in this event. As promised, they completed the 24 hours in full turnouts wearing their SCBA's on every 3rd to 4th lap. It's estimated they put in over 40 miles. One of the SCBA's that was worn had Eric Botkin's name on it.

Master Chief Joe Reed Retires from U.S. Navy

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FF/PM Joe Reed celebrated his retirement from his "other job". Joe was a Master Chief in the United States Navy Reserve. After almost 23 years of service, Joe retired on June 9, 2012. Family, friends, shipmates, and fire personnel attended Joe's retirement service and lunch. The service included speeches by Navy personnel and presentations of letters of appreciation from President Obama as well as the governors of both California and Louisiana (Joe's home state). Congratulations, Joe and thanks to you for all your years of military service. Hoorah!



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Leadership Riverside Graduate

Congratulations to Fire Marshal Bill Schellhaus who, on Friday, June 8, graduated from the Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce "Leadership Riverside" Program. This is a nationwide program where over a 10-month period classmates gain an increased awareness and knowledge of regional issues such as: economic development; education; health care; public safety; social services; arts and culture, and others.

Other RFD alumni include: Dave Austin (2003), Steve Earley (2009), Perry Halterman (1997), Lisa Holloway (2002), Tedd Laycock (2008), Robert Leaphart (1998), Oran Pentz (1989), Ron Richmond (1991), Joe L. Rosales (1994), and Gale Schulte (2004).

More Mail...



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Chief Earley received the attached thank you note from Ann Yoshinaga from the Moreno Valley College Fire Academy. He thought it would be nice for the GA.

Additionally, she sent five 'Certificate of Appreciation' given to the following for their part in the MV College Basic Firefighter Academy Class 25 graduation:

Captain Steve Horton (Piper)
Captain Thomas Jay (Honor Guard Commander)
Riverside City Fire Department Honor Guard
Riverside City Fire Department Explorers
Riverside City Fire Department Truck 1C



Steve,

Thanks again so much for the support you and your department give to the MVC Fire Academy program. The Department's participation not only at the graduations but also during the academies is what makes our program the best around!

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Community Access Center Wheelchair Basketball Event

This year's wheelchair basketball game (8th Annual) was held on May 19 at Poly High. The event was put on by the Community Access Center. We won this year, the score was 38-46 (we get spotted 20 points per half). It was the first time we have won, even with our bonus points we usually lose. I will try and get you a picture as soon as I can. The following individuals played in this year's game: Tim Vanderhorst, Steve Edwards, Tony Garcia, Josh Fudge, Brian Davis, Luis Contreras, Christian Adams, Steve Hallgren, Brian Hoffman, Mike Estrada

Tony Garcia won MVP for the 3rd year in a row! (by default)

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June 27, 2012

Re: Letter of Appreciation for Bob Jerz and Margaret Albanese
Ref: Citrus Belt Savings & Loan Art Gallery

Dear Mr. Bill Schellhaus:

It is with great pleasure to write this letter of appreciation for Plan Check Engineer Bob Jerz and Fire Inspector Margaret Albanese.

As the project manager for Tilden-Coil, Inc., I have worked with both Bob and Margaret on previous projects as well as this current one, and it's always been a pleasure to work with each one. Both Bob and Margaret represent your Fire Dept. to the highest degree of professionalism in every aspect of their positions.

Specifically, Bob was instrumental in helping our team with the design-build aspect of the dry-pipe fire suppression system, and sat in on one meeting and tele-conferenced another. His input and feedback were valuable in completing the final design of the alarm system panel which was able to activate both the fire alarm and fire-sprinkler systems as a complete "all-in-one" system after numerous re-designs.

Margaret has always been timely with all of her inspections and has adjusted her schedule at times to meet our final completion schedule and training and demonstration dates as well. She has also provided code correction comments early on, and not at the end, that allowed us to RFI them at once and address a solution without delay.

Our whole team, the construction manager for the project Tilden-Coil Constructors, Inc., the client Riverside Community College District (RCCD), and the architect LPA, are all grateful for Bob's and Margaret's contribution to our project and it's successful and timely completion.

Thank you!

Corey Wilson
Project Manager

Cc: Orin Williams – Associate Vice Chancellor Facilities Planning & Development, RCCD
Steve Tiner – Associate, LPA Inc.

Woodstreet Neighborhood Network

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by Press-Enterprise Staff Writer
Alicia Robinson on June 20

Kindness is not an old-fashioned virtue to Riverside resident Michele Carry. That mindset led her to become a dog walker for an ailing neighbor couple. And it sparked the idea that she and others in Riverside's Wood Streets could do more for each other such as give someone a ride, tidy up their yard or simply help lift a heavy load.

So about two months ago, she formed the Wood Streets Neighbor Network. She distributed fliers to solicit people wanting to help out as well as neighbors with needs.



The informal group's debut was picking, sharing and donating residents' fruit before state officials sprayed area trees for a citrus-threatening pest. Last week, Carry and about 10 other people spent two evenings clearing dead brush and cutting back overgrowth for Hildegard Caldwell, 84, who was recently cited by the city for the condition of the edge of her Isabella Street property, which isn't far from the Wood Streets.

"It's neighbors helping neighbors, because we live in the same area so it's much easier for us to help each other," Carry said on Friday, June 15, while taking a breather from raking up palm leaves and chopping back unruly bushes. She doesn't mind the work. "For a while I was walking five dogs," she said with a laugh.

Pat Mullen, 52, is one of Carry's 30 or so recruits. An engineer with the Riverside Fire Department, Mullen said Carry came by her house with a flier and she liked the idea. "I have a lot of tools and I'm good with repairs, so I figured I can help out," Mullen said as she waited for more fuel for her chainsaw.

Even Councilman Mike Gardner, who represents the Wood Streets near downtown Riverside, came by on his Segway and hauled branches while dressed in his business clothes. "I would describe the Wood streets as a close-knit neighborhood (where) many people know each other," Gardner said. "There's a lot of pride in living in the Wood streets." After getting a call from Caldwell about her yard problem, Gardner told Carry's group about her. They were eager to assist, even though she lives outside their neighborhood.

"She needed it, that was the bottom line and that's why we came," Carry said of Caldwell. "She's been a volunteer her whole life and it was her turn to receive." Caldwell, who over the years volunteered with the Red Cross and in local schools, was thrilled to have the help. Caldwell's son who lives with her is semi-disabled, she said, and after she had foot surgery Friday she couldn't walk around much. The visit from Carry's group was the second random act of kindness Caldwell experienced. She had tried to clear the yard herself but didn't get far, when a woman walking by saw her, then came back with her boyfriend and did some work. But it was a big job, and they didn't finish.

Caldwell appreciates everyone who pitched in, she said. "It is overwhelming that anybody would do that for me," Caldwell said. Carry doesn't consider this kind of small-town Samaritanism a relic of the past. "That's the kind of neighborhood we are," she said. "I know all the neighbors on my block. I read books with them, we barbecue. I'm hoping this can bring the neighborhood together and we can get to know each other better."

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ANIMAL RESCUE

On June 20, a little dog wandered into Station 7 looking for a new home. According to Tyler Reynolds, that dog was very smart and knew the right place to go. FF David Greyslock instantly took a liking to the little gal and agreed to take her home. David adopted a Staffordshire Terrier named Marilyn Monroe from the Mary S. Roberts Pet Adoption Center about 18 months ago. Way to go, David. David says this Basenji mix will likely be called Ginger Rodgers. The vet said she is healthy, and Marilyn and Ginger are getting along great.



Scott Wilson came to the rescue of an abandoned and injured baby falcon at Station 3. Animal Services took the bird into their care to rehabilitate it.



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Congratulations

Retirement: Captain Dave Peurifoy (June 7)
Promotion to Captain: Engineer Pat Hopkins (June 23)
Promotion to Engineer: FF/PM Shannon Smith
Truck Certification: FF/PM Steve Hallgren

Explorer Post

by Advisor Jeff Lewis

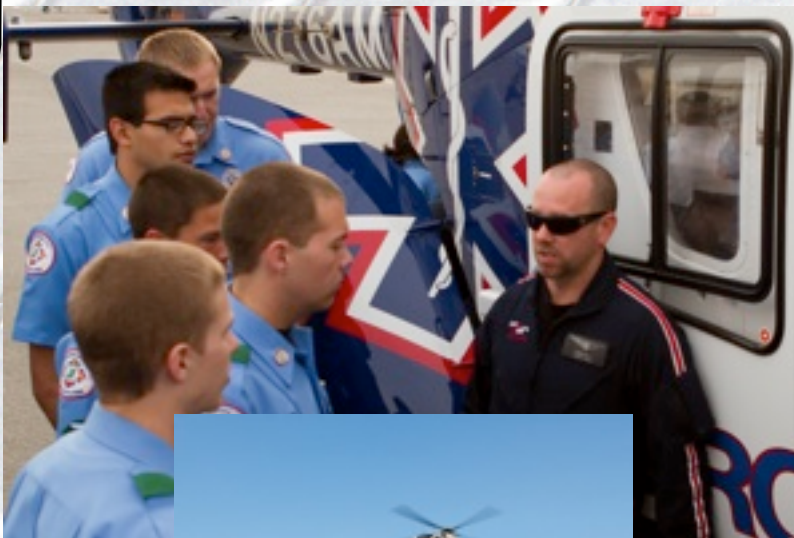
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Mercy Air: Fire Explorers from Post 101 had an opportunity to see how air ambulance transportation works. The Mercy Air crew was more than happy to show off their equipment and answer any and all questions. This type of exposure gives fire explores a chance to see other career choices that are involved in the world of fire and EMS.

Memorial Day: In honor of Memorial Day, Fire Explorers helped place American flags on the graves of our fallen soldiers at Riverside National Cemetery. The event coordinator showed much appreciation and was impressed that such a young group cared enough to volunteer their time.



Ops in Action

by BC Bob Valdez

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On May 31, a training exercise was conducted to provide personnel with updates in the procedures for "Trench Rescue Operations." Fire department personnel who are assigned to the Magnolia Center Fire Station 3 have ancillary duties as members of the Technical Rescue Team and one of the duties, in addition to fire suppression and emergency medical responses, is to be able to extract a victim from a trench collapse. While responses to these types of incidents are not common, this is a "high risk-low frequency" incident, and this type of incident presents its own unique hazards, such as further collapse and entrapment in a small area with a potentially oxygen deficient atmosphere. The instructors were Scott Mason and Chris Johns, both members of Cal-Fire; they are certified instructors with the California State Fire Marshal Office and ensure current information and rescue practices are being followed by rescue personnel. The objective by rescue personnel is to be able to safely access the victim and prevent the trench from further collapse. Essentially, walls are temporarily constructed going below grade to access the victim and provide a safe area for rescuers as they are digging down.

In the photos, you can see crews using specialized equipment carried on Rescue 3, receiving instruction on shoring methods from Scott Mason, constructing shores in the trench prop located at the fire department training center, and retired City of Riverside Fire Department Fire Engineer Bob Linden (yellow short sleeved shirt, no helmet) observing. Bob had a large role in the design of the training prop and was assigned to the technical rescue team for many years up to his retirement. This was the first large scale exercise conducted in the prop and by having the ability to conduct this type of training within the city allows units to remain available to respond to emergencies which may occur during the day. A special thank you goes to Division Chief Dave Lesh and Captain Dave Bakas for coordinating the training and the logistical supplies needed to conduct the training. This is just another example of how "The City of Riverside Fire Department Trains As If Your Life Depends On It, Because It Does!"



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EAP Demonstration: S2A (FF Renee Griffin and FF/PM Steve Hallgren) attended a different type of EAP (Equine Assistance Psychotherapy) on Sat June 2 in Pedley. They participated in an orientation and demonstration on how therapy horses are now being used more often as therapy for both physical and psychological challenges. In particular, the demonstration focused on the possible stresses of military and first responders. For more information, check out www.equineworks.com.



Gas Company Class by John Peurifoy: Members from local police and fire agencies attended a training conference on June 27th at the Ben Clark Training Facility. This training was sponsored by the Riverside County Fire/Cal Fire and the Southern California Gas Company. Key note speaker was State Fire Marshal Tonya Hoover. The classroom session was to advise local emergency responders what the gas company can do for us on emergencies and their organizational structure. Then students went out-side for a show and tell on the different tools and equipment the gas company uses for different types of emergencies.



Photo Album

Left: Matt Galik and David Juarez do heavy maintenance at Station 7

Right: Winners at the Fit Challenge Luncheon at City Hall



Then and Now....

by Tim Kessel

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Does anybody know the location & history of this building? Send your guesses to Tim Kessel by Aug 1. The answer and a photo will be included in next month's newsletter. Also if you have any other old photos of locations in the City that you would like included in future newsletters, send them to Tim.

In addition, Tyler Reynolds had the idea for readers to send in old photos of themselves (childhood or early RFD pics) to see if others can guess who they are...so dig through your albums or computers and email them to Lisa Holloway.